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November 2022 news from your Friendship Force Club

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

November 2022 Newsletter

**General Meeting, Presentation & Lunch to follow
Saturday, November 19, 10:30 AM
Colonial Country Club Community Center
9181 Independence, Fort Myers**



Set your GPS and come to our first meeting "in season" featuring club news and an entertaining presentation by Joanne Collins, the Journey Coordinator, for our club's fabulous June trip to Sacramento Friendship Force.



We've arranged this meeting with Cheryle Phelps' assistance so that it is convenient to everyone because it is at the center of our region of southwest Florida.

When entering guard gate you must say "FRIENDSHIP FORCE." DIRECTIONS: When you see the Club House on your left, it will be the 2nd building on the right. Ask for Community Room at front desk and again say "FRIENDSHIP FORCE." Cheryle says, "The Room is free, but they would like for us to have our lunch at Club. This is not a huge room so an approximate head count is necessary. The menu changes weekly and you're sure to find something delicious!" RSVP to [Cheryle](#) by 11/15. (click on her name to email her) or phone her at 678-469-8171. Let her know if you will come to the meeting and if you will have lunch afterwards.



Opportunity to go on Taiwan Global Journey

Maureen, our club co-President, recently heard from our regional representative about the following:

Most Asian region clubs could not host journeys during the long pandemic; they are restarting their activities for 2023 and are

pleased to announce the **Global Discover Taiwan #23144 Journey for November 15-26, 2023**. It is open to all club members worldwide. See the attached **PDF file** for description, itinerary, costs and details. The Journey Coordinator is Wan Fang **wfchen07@gmail.com** of Hsinchu FF club. If you have any questions, please contact Wan directly. *Don't delay. There is a lot of interest in this journey. Two members of our club have already applied.*

Did you know?

Five members of our club recently finished a journey to Bursa, Turkey Friendship Force Club including a 14-day bus tour of the country. Our members went with the West Michigan Friendship Force Club of which Marcia Ellis was the Journey Coordinator. What a great time they had in this fantastic country with beautiful friendly people!



Can you find our members who went to Turkey? Look for Michelle, Joanne, Richard, Maureen & Marcie!

Northern Colorado visiting our Club March 15-22, 2023



This is what we are all about - welcoming others to our area of the world ! It's all about our mission - promoting global understanding, peace, and experiencing other points of view! We call ourselves 'ambassadors' to promote friendship among people of the world.

When in Inbound Group visits, we need all members to participate. **Block off your calendar for March 15-22.** Be ready to help where you are needed.

Sue Linehan stepped up and volunteered to be the **Host Coordinator** for next year's visit. Here is her message to you!

Northern Colorado FF Club is eager to know how many ambassadors we can accommodate so that they can take advantage of air fare bargains going on now. With that in mind, can you please let me know the following:

1. If you can host, what is your bed situation and do you prefer a single or a couple?
2. If you cannot host, can you be a driver for some of the day trips?
3. Are you willing to host a small dinner party at your home for some of the members who are hosting?
4. Are you willing to organize the Welcome Party?
5. Will you help coordinate the activities?
6. Are you willing to put together a Welcome Bag for ambassadors?
7. Are you able to put together a printed program for the event?

CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD

Friendship Force International World Conference 2023 Dubrovnik, Croatia | October 2 - 5, 2023



This is the first world conference in four years! It will have so much to offer our members. In addition to the main hotel where our conference events will take place, guest rooms for varying budgets will be available at three sister properties just a short walk around the bay. Day tours and post-conference tours in and outside of Croatia will be on offer for our delegates. There really is something for everybody! More info coming up on your FFI member portal.

P.S. Our VP, Carol Nasby, already plans to go. Won't you join her?



Club Leadership 2023-2024 Let's Keep it Going...

To date, our Search Committee has *not* found 2 members to serve on our board in support of Carol, our incoming president. We want our club to continue on and thrive. **This can't happen unless you help.** Here is a description of what we need.

The 1st and 2nd VPs assist the President in all aspects of running our club. They are Board (voting) members who meet in person or by Zoom when the President calls a meeting (~4 times annually). It is not necessary to reside in Southwest Florida full time; snow birds are welcome. In fact, Carol, the incoming president, is a snow bird. The other voting members of the Board are the Treasurer (Richard Collins) and Secretary (Marcia Ellis).

Volunteer by emailing [Joanne](#) or [Sue](#), Nominating Committee.

In Memory Of Sandy

Some of you might remember dear Sandy Gourdine from the Suncoast FL Club of Friendship Force. She personally inspired me when I was new to Friendship Force to participate. She was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and passed away at age 80 on September 20 under the tender care of Suncoast Hospice with her family at her side. She was loved by members of Friendship Force and of course, by her dear husband and two sons.

2022 - Save the Date!



December 14 Club **Holiday Party**



It's easy to join our wonderful Friendship Force Club. Just click on [Application](#) and fill out the form today. For a limited time, there is an "end of the year" special. No fee for this year! All fees remitted pay for 2023 year!

Already a member? ****NOW is the time to send in your \$40 dues per person for next year to 257 Lido Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 Attn: Richard Collins, Club Treasurer****
***Note* Associate Members are \$15 per person annually.**

Co President's Comments



As many of us return to Florida this fall, we are all involved with the hurricane damage that we will see. How fortunate we are that our homes withstood this disaster that ravaged neighboring communities. Moving forward, I hope we all see a 'return to normal' that we all need.

Five of us from FFSWFL enjoyed our recent Journey to Azerbaijan and Turkey. Looking back over this past month I could say that I felt as if we were on a peace mission to this part of the world and not just a travel trip. Sometimes we, Friendship Force Members,

are so busy having a good time that we forget how important our travels are. We came back with an even deeper appreciation, a better understanding, and more admiration for Azerbaijan & Turkey and her people.

Whether we are traveling as ambassadors or hosting members from other clubs, our mission is peace through building relationships. Our Journey was truly a fantastic experience.

Within the next year, FFI will be emailing member info and news only to folks who have signed up for <https://my.friendshipForce.org> . In addition to receiving those emails, people who sign up have access to info about journeys, virtual experiences (webinars), conferences, events, clubs & groups, and a help center.

My best to all and see you on November 19th.

**In Peace and Friendship,
Maureen**

Parting Shot



Halloween Selfie with a bunch of strange characters!

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Nov Newsletter with the change of meeting date and place. I have been there...nice place, good food.

For the Newbees.....a **GLOBAL** Journey (Taiwan) is different from a **Club Journey**. A club Journey, you usually stay in a host home for 7 days. It is a Club to Club exchange. It is a bonding of the two clubs. A Global is open to all 360 clubs around the world and it is meant for "Education". In the Case of Taiwan, a club has offered to Educate us on the Entire country. If you look at the Itinerary there are only 2-3 nights of HomeStay...the rest is travelling throughout the country staying at hotels. Not sure how many people are going, but there will be people from all over the world. Luckily the tour will be in English.

Hope to see some of you there at the Nov meeting. Because it is a small room they have asked that **if you are going that you let Cherlye know.**

I will definitely be there...in a special outfit for the program.

If you know anyone else who might be interested in Friendship Force, bring them along (let Cheryle know).

Michelle

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